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VIA :	E UR / E E Y	25 X 1
FROM :	Ch/EURA/EE	25 X 1
SUBJECT :	Tourism in Hungary	
information on account and the	ollowing data are in response to your request for the importance of tourism in Hungary's current country of origin of tourists to Hungary. The agarian statistical publications	25 X 1
2. Net ha	ard currency tourism receipts have increased	25 X 1
steadily over testimated \$206 very important	the past six years from \$34 million in 1978 to an million in 1983 . These revenues are to Hungary, despite the fact that they account for reent of total hard currency earnings. This year,	25 X 1
for example, ne Budapest's curr Hungarians hope capacity will h future. The aublack market ac	et tourism earnings will represent almost half of rent account surplus . The ethat recently completed projects to expand hotel nelp ensure a growing stream of earnings in the uthorities also are attempting to crack down on citivity in the tourist industry in order to channel	25X1
more revenues	into the state treasury and out of private hands.	25X1
other socialist tourists during tourists, of consomething of a of these touristin 1982, large Budapest. Budato only two tritourists can puaddition, martin	ast majority of tourists visiting Hungary come from t countries, accounting for 80 - 90 percent of all the past five years (see Table 4). Most of these burse, do not spend hard currency and are seen as drain on Hungarian consumer supplies. The number sts fell from 9.1 million in 1981 to only 5 million ly as the result of restrictions imposed by apest, for instance, limited Czechoslovak tourists ips per year and set a maximum on forints these urchase, regardless of length of stay. In ial law restrictions prevented many Poles from	
traveling with	in the bloc for most of the year.	25 X 1
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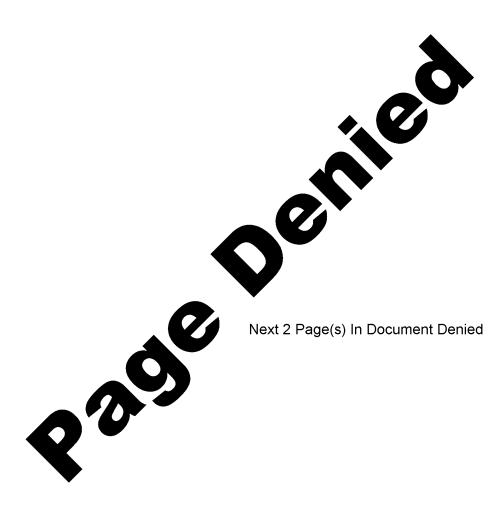
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				<pre>l average of thirds from</pre>	
and West Hungary		ge of 56,	,000 US to	urists visit	ed 2
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Table 4

	(Thousands)						
	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	1980	1981	1982		
TOTAL	9950	9847	9413	10450	6473		
From Socialist countries	8788	8510	8189	9131	4996		
From Non-socialist countries of which	1162	1337	1224	1319	1477		
Austria West Germany United States	316 403 61	395 452 56	346 414 50	389 478 53	432 568 60		

Source: Hungarian Statistical Yearbooks